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Duncan rescued after dunking in icy pond



Duncan was a wirehaired pointing griffon in distress Monday morning, after breaking through thin ice far from shore on Round Pond. But his people (visitors from away) and local responders quickly teamed up for a successful rescue. His master and a friend grabbed a canoe and made their way out through the ice, hauled Duncan aboard and headed back to shore, paddling through ice chunks that grew thicker as they neared the north point of Big Island. Left: master paddles, while the friend crouches low in the bow, attempting to ballast the erratically heeling craft. Duncan's head can be seen midships. Right: Greenwood Fire Chief Al Curtis Jr. (lower left) helps the crew ashore, while PACE EMT Eric Merrill hoists Duncan so he can be covered in a blanket. From there Merrill carried Duncan up the rest of the shoreline hill and inside the house, to dry and warm in front of the fireplace, wrapped in his exhausted master's still-shaking arms. In addition to Greenwood Fire and PACE, Bethel Fire responded and staged nearby with its rescue boat and swimmers.

(Photos: M. Daniels)

Bingham parcel seen as potentially significant recreational, economic asset for Bethel area

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Two dozen people showed up Monday evening for a public hearing called by the Bethel Conservation Commission to solicit input on what use or uses the town might make of the 2,300-acre parcel of Bingham Trust Land, which served as the town's water source until the flash flood of 2007.

"There were a lot of thoughtful comments about multi-use and how to make that happen, so that all users feel safe," said BCC Chair Jackie Cressy.

"Also, how having this parcel of land can be of economic

benefit to the community as well as providing some wonderful and varied recreational opportunities."

Leading off the discussion, Bonnie Pooley said she saw major recreational and economic promise in the land.

"Like a lot of other people, I'm very excited about the opportunity we have here," she said, "because I, too, have done a lot of reading and talking with people in towns that want community forests across the country, and millions of dollars must be raised to buy pieces of land just like

this one.

"And here it is — right here, right now," Pooley said.

"My vision for it is a community forest that would have recreational trails on it, both for bicycles and for walking, which would be accessible to all of us — the citizens of Bethel; but would also be something that we could use to attract the tourists who come here for skiing or other kinds of recreation, to come to this thing that Bethel has."

"When you look at the Kingdom Trails in Vermont, that is a huge economic driver for

them, and I would like to see it be that kind of thing for Bethel," she said, "so that it's beautiful and people want to come there to experience what we've got."

Her assessment was greeted with applause.

Peter Southam, owner of Bethel Bicycle and the bicycling coach at Gould Academy, pressed the case for mountain-bike trails.

"One of things we see on a regular basis, several times a week during the summer, is people coming in to the bike

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Greenwood on its own for fiber-optic link to Highway Department

By MICHAEL DANIELS

No Internet service provider (ISP) has stepped up to light the Greenwood Highway Department's wire.

Once lit, the wire would give the highway crew access to the recently installed "Three Ring Binder" fiber optic loop that now runs along the Greenwood Road — and, through that, to crucial up-to-date weather information.

The loop is part of the \$25 million, 1,100-mile fiber optic network intended to provide

Maine homes and businesses with reliable high-speed Internet access [Citizen, Nov. 3].

The GHD's wire, which connects the highway barn to the new line, was funded by a "Community Anchor Institution" grant from Maine Fiber Company, which was formed to oversee the Three Ring Binder's construction, maintenance and leasing.

But Three Ring Binder provides only "middle mile," dark-fiber infrastructure; the

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After 38 years of buses, buildings and grounds, Burnie's ready for Rec Time

By ALISON ALOISIO

In Burnie Rice's early days as building and grounds supervisor for SAD 44, pupils at the Locke Mills School drank unfested water out of a dug well.

Today, as Rice nears retirement, one of his responsibilities is seeing that parents are notified when pesticides are placed on athletic fields.

"Things have changed a lot," he said.

While Rice will retire as the

supervisor of building and grounds, he began his long career in school support services in 1963, as a bus driver.

He was a junior at Gould Academy when he took a job driving a school bus for Rodrick "Mush" McMillin, who contracted with the Bethel school department.

Rice drove the East Bethel route with his classmates and young children aboard.

Despite being in charge of students his own age, discipline wasn't a problem, he

said, because rules for drivers were not as restrictive as they are now.

If a teenager misbehaved, said Rice, "I just told them to get off the bus."

The more lenient rules also meant he could cram a large number of children on to the bus. "They'd stand in the aisles and in the step-well," he said, and then bounce around

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Air-quality fix at Telstar costs \$11K

By ALISON ALOISIO

The SAD 44 School Board Monday approved the purchase of an \$11,000 ventilator unit for a Telstar Middle School classroom.

After a problem with air quality was discovered several weeks ago, two classrooms of sixth-graders were moved from their wing, located on the back of the Telstar complex, to another part of the school.

The problem, Superintendent

Dave Murphy said, was higher-than-acceptable carbon dioxide levels. The district's contractor for mechanical systems, Honeywell, looked at the ventilation unit in one room and said it could not be fixed.

If the district does not buy a new unit, Murphy said, a window would have to be left partly open.

The cost of the new ventilator includes installation, he said, and the funds will be taken

from the Telstar repair account.

Murphy also said that when Telstar was built, carbon dioxide standards were not as strict as they are now.

After the recent problem was discovered, air throughout the building was tested to make sure levels were acceptable, he said.

Murphy estimates there are another 50 ventilator units at the complex, and if other

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WREATHS
ACROSS
AMERICA

Volunteers Saturday laid wreaths on the graves of Bethel veterans at the Riverside and Pine Grove cemeteries. The local observance, coordinated by Craig Davis of the Civil Air Patrol, coincided with the nationwide "Wreaths Across America" Day. Here, Kate Saunders, Davis' daughter, lays a wreath at the grave of Grover Brooks in the Riverside Cemetery. For a photo of the second phase of the observance, see Page 6.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Retirement Party
for
BURNIE RICE

WHEN: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 - 4:00-6:00 PM
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Letters

TO MISS SUE'S FRIENDS

To the Editor:

My mother, "Miss Sue" Farrar, is currently residing at Market Square Health Care Center after breaking her arm on Easter Sunday. It is my hope that some of her former friends, neighbors and students would please take time out of their busy holiday activity to drop her a card to wish her well. She turned 94 years old on Nov. 10, and though she has failed considerably in these past six months, she still has the same happy zest for life she has always had.

She misses her familiar routines, a walk to the post office, a drop in at Brooks Bros. or The Citizen, and mostly the little children in the former Dance Studio.

When I think of Christmas I remember my mom who in the Spirit of Giving created the Living Nativity which we proudly continue to this day. She didn't form it for money or fame but as a way to bring the "whole community" together in a project that would place the focus of the season on the true meaning of Christmas.

In addition to the Annual Living Nativity she would each year drive her little dance students (and not-so-little students) to the various nursing homes to entertain the residents with Christmas songs and dances (including the nursing home she currently resides in). She charged nothing for these Christmas Pageants, she just wanted others to enjoy a couple of hours relaxing, laughing and singing Christmas songs. It was her way of "giving back," she said, to the community that had done so much for her over the years.

My mom wasn't born into a wealthy family; hers were humble beginnings. Immigrant parents who loved this country and taught her to never expect a free meal but to work hard and your dreams could be realized. I'm proud of her and I'm glad she modeled these values for me.

Those of you who find time to drop her a note, I'm sure you will be blessed by the one who is the "Reason for the Season." Her address: Susan Clement Farrar, c/o Tuttle Wing, Market Square Health Care, South Paris, ME 04281

My dad, Charlie Farrar, is still at the Maine Veterans' Home (Resident Care), South Paris. He will turn 96 on Dec. 20.

Lisa Farrar Fox
Bethel

THANKS FOR THE WATER. NOW ...

To the Editor:

I just wanted to take the time and thank all of the selectmen and BWD for getting the quality water to West Bethel that we deserved. It has been quite a battle and you proved to your word that you would get it done. As a resident of West Bethel and one of the people that pushed the issue, I can finally say our water is great. All I want is what's best for our little West Bethel town. This is just one of the steps to help improve our town and I still have more plans to come.

Bethel selectmen, you will be hearing from me regarding issues that I see needing to be resolved. One, for example, is the noticed graffiti that has been showing up on the abandoned mill that has showed signs of falling down and has become quite an eyesore. It poses a risk and I feel we as West Bethel residents deserve to have this confronted.

I thank you West Bethel Water District for all your hard work and my hats off to you. I am always available for discussion

John Steward
West Bethel

SAFE AND THANKFUL

To the Editor:

As most of you know, on Oct. 27, 2011 we had some unwanted guests come into the Mollycokett Motel and rob us. We were all safe when all was said and done. We are still receiving phone calls from people making sure we are all right! How nice it is to live in a place where people care so much!

Thank you all for caring! And thanks to all of the officers who worked hard and successfully arrested those responsible.

Tim and Fran Buck
Mollycokett Motel, South Woodstock

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

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Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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TELL THEM NOT TO SUPPORT MAINECARE CUTS

To the Editor:

I am very concerned about Gov. LePage's proposal to drastically cut MaineCare for thousands of our neighbors in Maine. This is the worst time to be cutting people off of their healthcare coverage. These people who will be losing their health coverage are in no position to be able to purchase other insurance.

Therefore the burden is going to fall on healthcare facilities and providers and ultimately the taxpayers. People who don't have health insurance end up in the Emergency room the most costly form of health care.

I am a social worker who works with people who have cancer. As you know, treatment for cancer is incredibly expensive. Many of the patients that I serve now receive MaineCare. They are already living with tremendous stress and anxiety about having cancer. To add to that a fear of losing their health insurance will be overwhelming for many and certainly does not help their ability to fight for their life.

Please contact our elected officials and tell them NOT to support this proposal. State Senate: (800) 423-6900, State House: (800) 423-2900, Gov. LePage 287-5531.

Emily Ecker
Woodstock

TELSTAR MUSICIANS SELECTED FOR FESTIVAL

To the Editor:

The Telstar Music Department is very proud to announce two musicians selected to play in the All New England Honors Band Festival at Plymouth State University: Karen White playing Trombone and Megan LaCroix playing the Alto Saxophone.

Their concert concluded a daylong event involving band members representing 55 high schools from across New England. Telstar was one of five schools representing the state of Maine.

Their guest conductor for the 2011 festival was Mark Camphouse. He is an internationally known composer and clinician with many published and recorded works to his credit.

Congratulations to Karen and Megan for your superior instrumental efforts!

Mrs. Jennifer Bennett
Telstar High School Music Department

SENIOR PLAYERS SAY THANKS

To the Editor:

Senior College Players presented their sixth fall production on Dec. 2 and 3. Many community members have said it was the best one to date. Both nights had great audience participation, which spurred the sixteen actors to do their very best. Audiences were treated to super-polished performances and evenings of continuous laughter. Some claim they are still laughing!

We are grateful for the generous donations which helped us to cover the royalty fees for the plays. Thanks to the Western Mountains Senior College for offering the Senior College Players as a course. Special thanks to the West Parish Congregational Church for providing us space to rehearse and to Gould Academy for allowing us to perform in the Trustees Auditorium. This was a true community project. Most of all I'd like to thank the Players for their time and dedication to an excellent performance.

Think ahead to next fall and don't miss a night of fun with the Senior College Players.

Lynn Arizzi
Director

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

To the Editor:

Hope for an improving economy is on almost everyone's mind in this holiday season including here in western Maine.

Historically, the Christmas season is the most profitable time of the year for businesses and especially retailers around the country. Sales increase dramatically in almost all retail areas and shops introduce new products as people purchase gifts, decorations, and supplies. In the United States it has been calculated that a quarter of all personal spending takes place during the Christmas/holiday shopping season.

As holiday shoppers, we have lots of choices for purchasing goods and services. We can spend our money online, at national chains and at locally-owned businesses.

A recent survey by the Maine Center for Economic Policy of locally-owned businesses in Portland reveals that every \$100 spent at a local business contributes an additional \$58 to the local economy.

This is because locally-owned businesses keep their profits in the local community and are more likely to purchase goods and services from local sources.

So, this holiday season support your neighbors shop and buy locally. Besides contributing to the economic health of our community, add to that the experience of buying from someone you know and trust and who will give you superior customer service.

And, who says a gift has to fit in a box? What about a gym membership, a gift certificate at a local store or restaurant, a day of cleaning by a local cleaning service or person, an afternoon at the movies, a day or season pass to go skiing?

Thank you for buying locally and supporting Bethel area businesses.

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Mia Purcell, Interim Director, Western Maine Economic Development Council

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 49

The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

One night B.B. shot five. It was one of those gentle moonlit evenings. Guests had sat talking on the porch till midnight. We had gone to bed, then up again, feeling such loveliness too rare to waste in sleep; I had bedecked in one of my pre-moving-to-the-country night rails, a long, fluttering, pink chiffon affair, and satin scuffs. We sat, not talking, just being. Then a crunching sound of rattling leaves broke the stillness. B.B. was off like a panther, came back with a shotgun. "Come and hold the flashlight for me, there's a d... porcupine."

"Oh, no, I can't."

"It's in the French prune plum tree," he wily answered. This is my favorite tree. Opening a jar of the fruit in wintertime brought back the color and fragrance of winy autumn. We dried enough in the big black baker sheets in the oven to supply us with prunes all year.

"All right," and I gathered up my floating skirts and followed. B.B. spotted the villain, passed me the light to hold, saying he would shoot towards the ledges. I was scared and ready to protest but he had gone. I stood with my eyes shut soon a shot, plop, something hit the ground but the crunching sound went on. B.B. said three more of them were in the Northern Spy, another favorite tree; no winter apple can match their flavor. Three more plops, but B.B. walked on. Another in the wild apple tree at the end of the stone lane. The fruit was bitter and useless, but I cherished this tree for bloom in spring and its gnarled, twisted branches. Another plop.

"That's all," said B.B. "You're excused; give me the light so that I can bury them."

Back to the porch but the magic of the night was gone. Why was something always threatening the things we treasured for their beauty or their usefulness? I remembered a city couple who had dropped in for a visit one rainy day. Seated by the fire, we were eagerly exchanging news when T. looked up and said an animal was outside chewing the fence post. There was indeed, a big old porcupine, ripping off great strips of wood. But B.B. was not here and I did not know how to shoot.

T. said, "You can go kill him, A. It's easy, you just hit him hard once on the soft spot on his head. Go on, get that porcupine."

A. rose slowly, took a stick from the woodbox and went out. "Go on, A., you can do it," encouraged T. from the door with an atavistic gleam in her eyes. A. did and came back, but not triumphantly, the male had not failed his mate. I insisted that I could go and bury it quicker than I could tell A. where to find a spade and where to dig.

All our encounters with the beast were not sanguinary. One summer night I was awakened by queer caterwauling sounds. I got the flashlight and looked out the west window. On the lawn, dumpy shapes rolled about much like those in the croquet match in "Alice in Wonderland." More caterwauling. Curious, I awoke B.B. who sprang up in a trice wanting to know what was the matter. "Listen," no sounds. Grumpily, he sank back, saying I must be imagining things. Then the sound again. He got up, doubled his great length down and looked out from the low window.

"Hedgehogs," he said, "and no shotgun shells in the house."

"Did you know they made such a wailing as that?"

"The mating season," and he stomped off to bed.

"Sorry I awakened you," I extended the pipe of peace.

"Ho, ho, ho," came back a cheerier voice, "I thought that you were supposed to be a Shakespearean scholar."

"What's that got to do with it?"

"Thrice the brindled cat has mewed, thrice and once the hedge pig whined..." he quoted.

"Oh, go to sleep," said I. "Tis time, 'tis time!"

Another day, B.B., the eagle-eyed one, said, "Have you been leaving garbage in the shed?"

"Certainly not."

"That's strange, some animal has been chewing away on the floor in front of the woodbox. Haven't you noticed it?"

"No, but I never leave anything there by my wet garden shoes."

"But you leave things other places in the shed."

"Of course, a woodshed is not the foyer of a Park Avenue apartment. It's a working center. You leave wood there, and kerosene cans."

We have lunch and as B.B. leaves he reminds me to just take a look at the woodshed floor. I wait till he has gone, then look. Something has been chewing there, and this reminds me of Miss Fan's Methodist doughnut story.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Donald Murphy announced his resignation as code enforcement officer and plumbing inspector for Bethel and Newry.

Telstar cross-country runners Heather Zimmermann, Fred Bailey and Anna Willard competed in the U.S. Track and Field Junior Olympic National Championships.

The Penley Corporation announced it would lay off 39 of its 54 workers, and discontinue production in the sawmill and clothespin mill.

Births: Kiersten Ann Bennett, Maxwell Otis Ochtera.

Deaths: Alice H. Kimball, Avis M. Lyons.

20 years ago: Gould Academy and Telstar High School cross-country skiers attended a four-day training camp in Mt. Ste. Anne, Quebec.

Santa arrived at the Bethel common at the end of the "Country Christmas in Bethel" parade, in a red convertible piloted by Ed Kennett.

A reception was held at the Dr. Moses Mason House honoring the publication of "Bethel, Maine: An Illustrated History" by Randall H. Bennett.

Deaths: Edgar H. Dunham, Cecil H. Poore.

30 years ago: Muriel Whitney, R. N., was designated Elderly Services Coordinator for the Bethel Area.

Singers and instrumentalists from Gould Academy, Telstar Regional High School, Community Chorus, and Bethel churches presented a Christmas program at the Congregational Church.

A blizzard blanketed the area in 6-8 inches of snow, and folks on the Flat Road in West Bethel were without power for 2 and 1/2 hours due to the strong winds.

Death: Mrs. Esther B. Stanley.

40 years ago: John Tebberts announced the appointment of Dexter Landers to the position of plant superintendent and engineer at Ekco Wood Products; Locke Mills.

Robert Bean, Sunday River, moved to Bethel to spend the winter with the Archie Young family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laban and sons purchased and moved into the former Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett place in Northwest Bethel.

Births: Emily Louise Cummings, Glenn Mitchell Bangs.

50 years ago: Work was progressing on the new Route 2 and 26 overpass, with six structural steel beams in place over the Canadian National railroad tracks, and more scheduled to be in place within two weeks.

Samuel Timberlake was elected first president of the new Western Maine Industrial Management Club.

Mt. Abram Ski Slopes opened for the season on Dec. 16.

Births: Darler Ann Kimball, Tracy Ellen Plummer, Kenneth Leslie Davis.

Deaths: Irving E. Davis, Elmer E. Saunders, Mrs. Mildred Crooker, Llewellyn Fogg.

60 years ago: Roads were in bad condition after heavy rains and freezing weather.

Birth: Barbara Bane.

Deaths: Fred I. Farwell, Mrs. Joseph Maddocks.

70 years ago: The Bethel American Legion Brigade was outfitted with uniforms. The Bethel Parent Teacher Association had about 130 members.

There were many cases of whooping cough in Bethel.

80 years ago: A petition bearing 60 names was presented to the selectmen asking to have something done to relieve the needless radio reception interference.

90 years ago: The Gould Academy faculty and students gathered at the station to see the Bingham-Gehring party off on their departure for California.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton were pleasantly surprised by a group of their parishioners on their eighth wedding anniversary.

The Bethel Ladies Relief Corps presented each Sunday school in town with a silk U.S. flag.

Marriage: Philip L. Bonney and Ardella Blood.

Death: Horace Foster.

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CORRECTION

Ticks less common on cats. An article in last week's Citizen quoting Kathy Jo Farren of the Bethel Animal Hospital about the abundance of fleas and ticks on pets should have reported that she said "ticks" are less common on cats than on dogs.

Briefly

Food Pantry gift-basket schedule

BETHEL—The Bethel Food Pantry will give away Christmas Baskets to its clients and other needy members of the greater Bethel community at the Food Pantry from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church on Church Street. The entrance can be found on Park Street, by looping around the one-way block. No appointment is necessary.

Woodstock will wait on wind regs

WOODSTOCK—Selectmen last week agreed with a recommendation from Leon Twitchell, a member of a town committee working on a wind ordinance, to wait until the 2013 Woodstock town meeting to propose the ordinance. The seven-member committee has been meeting since September, studying wind ordinance models. The committee was established as a result of a town vote at the 2011 annual town meeting, with a charge to have an ordinance to offer at the 2012 town meeting. But Twitchell said he believes that in the coming months, as the new Spruce Mountain Wind Project comes online, the committee and town will learn much about it that they can use in crafting an ordinance to address future projects. He said there are many variables involved, and care should be taken to adapt the ordinance to the town's needs.

Mountain Explorer starts Dec. 26

BETHEL—The free Mountain Explorer seasonal bus service between downtown Bethel and Sunday River will begin its 11th season on Monday, Dec. 26. The service is scheduled to operate until Sunday, April 8. The Mountain Explorer buses will run from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Buses will also run daily until 1 a.m. on holiday weeks including Christmas Week, Dec. 26-31, College Week, Jan. 1-6, and Maine School Vacation Week Feb. 20-24. Mountain Explorer schedule maps will be available at area businesses, at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, at Sunday River and online at www.mountainexplorer.org. Along with the schedule and map, another popular feature of the Mountain Explorer website is the sponsor page with all sponsor ads and major supporters' names linked to their respective websites. To keep riders and businesses alerted to changes in schedules due to weather and other circumstances, the Mountain Explorer can be followed on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MtnExBus>. There are three types of stop on the Mountain Explorer bus route. The first is a scheduled stop, where the bus will always pull-in at specified times throughout the day. The second is scheduled afternoon and evening stop. The third is a "flag" stop where passengers may wave down a bus, or may request to be dropped off. Mountain Explorer bus regular scheduled stops, afternoon and evening scheduled stops (+), and flag stops (*) are as follows: Bethel Inn Resort, Midtown*, Sudbury Inn, Lower Main Street*, Info Center-Casablanca Cinema*, Parkway/Route 2*, Big Adventure*, Norseman*, Rooster's Roadhouse*, Jolly Drayman*, Rostay, River View, Sunday River Brewing Co., Black Diamond Steak House+, Sun Valley Sports*, Riverbend, Matterhorn+, Sunday River Outdoor Center, Barking Dog Market*, Phoenix House+, South Ridge Lodge, White Cap Lodge+, Grand Summit Hotel+ and Mechanic Street.

Telstar Winter Concert next week

BETHEL—The 14th annual Telstar Winter Concert will take place Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Helen Berry Auditorium at Telstar. There will be performances by the High School Chorus and Concert Band, the Middle School Chorus and Band, and a solo performance featuring Emily Bellinger who was recently accepted into the Maine All State Vocal Festival. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. All donations collected will go towards student end of the year awards.

County gets impaired-driving grant

SOUTH PARIS—Sheriff Wayne J. Gallant has announced that the Oxford County Sheriff's Office has been awarded an Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign Grant through the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety (MBHS). The enforcement initiative will begin this coming weekend and continue throughout December and January. The funding from MBHS will cover overtime costs associated with the Saturation Patrols and any Roadblocks that will be scheduled. Program Director Deputy George Cayer said: "I am startled by the number of drinking and driving offenses that still take place in Oxford County. Our database shows that in the last five years over 500 alcohol driving related arrests have been made in Oxford County. The numbers are still very high after years of educational and enforcement endeavors. Grants like this have a huge impact and make a difference. These programs are a deterrent to violators and also get many offenders off the roadway. Without the increased presence of officers and the support and information disseminated by our media partners regarding these enhanced OUI programs, offenders become more relaxed and violate the OUI laws of Maine. We are very optimistic that through this Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant and our visible presence throughout the county we can see a decreased number of alcohol-related violations on our roadways." Cayer adds "We want to help ensure safe passage on our roadways throughout this holiday season."

Sleeping trucker kills boy, 5 – walks

JACKMAN—Charges will not be filed against a truck driver whose rig crashed into a house in Jackman this summer, killing a 5-year-old boy, according to the Bangor Daily News. On July 19, Christian Cloutier, 57, of Quebec crashed into a two-story apartment building on U.S. Route 201 after his rig struck two utility poles, flipped onto its side. The load of tree-length logs spilled against a nearby home, killing Liam Mahaney. Assistant Somerset County District Attorney Brent Davis said last week that the factors in the accident did not warrant criminal charges, the BDN reported. "The investigation done by the [Maine] State Police and the Sheriff's Department, their conclusion was speed was not a factor in the accident," said Davis. "It was determined that the cause of the accident was the driver falling asleep, possibly [because of] a medical condition." Cloutier had told police he had fallen asleep at the wheel before the accident.

Speeding trucker kills girl, 12 – walks

FARMINGTON—No criminal charges will be filed against a Maine truck driver in connection with a crash that killed a 12-year-old Connecticut girl. Franklin County prosecutor James Andrews told the Morning Sentinel his office reviewed the police investigation of the Aug. 17 crash in Farmington and determined there was not enough evidence to bring a vehicular manslaughter charge against Charles Willey. Andrews said the probe concluded that Willey was driving his tractor-trailer about 11 miles per hour over the speed limit when he lost control of the rig and struck a YMCA minivan. But the prosecutor said there was no finding of criminal negligence as required by the law. The crash killed Tess Meisel, of Westport, Conn. She was in the van owned by Camp Jewell YMCA in Colebrook, Conn., that was returning from Acadia National Park.

TOWN OF NEWRY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 2011
6:30PM

NEWRY TOWN OFFICE

Shall on ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending the Unified Development Review Ordinance for The Town of Newry, Maine (Standards for Commercial Wind Power Facilities)" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Sections X & XI & XII of the Unified Development Review Ordinance For The Town of Newry" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending the Town of Newry Building Code Ordinance" be enacted?

Shall an Ordinance entitled "Conservation Commission Ordinance for the Town of Newry Maine" be enacted?

Woodstock Residents

Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2012 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2012 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4, A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2012 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months or older, or within 10 of ownership, must now be licensed.

License fees are \$ 6.00 neutered/spayed
\$11.00 not neutered/spayed
\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence. You will need to bring a current rabies immunization and a certificate of neutering or spaying, if applicable. A late fee of \$ 25.00 will be charged starting on February 1, 2012.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 19, 2011, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit Renewal from The Sudbury Inn of Bethel located at 151 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date, written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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A school that falls short

The board concluded its business Monday with an executive session to review Murphy's job performance. After the session the board voted to extend his contract by a year through June 30, 2017, effective July 1, 2012, according to Murphy.

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Burnle Rice of Woodstock is retiring from SAD 44 after 38 years. He served as building and grounds supervisor and, for a decade, as transportation supervisor. He is shown here on the Telstar athletic fields.

(Photo: A. Aloisiq)

But he found a creative way to gain an edge in discipline, with help from a combination of rough rural roads and the '70s trend to use plastic everywhere.

Striping the football field (located inside the track) and painting hash marks every yard takes time. "It takes a day and a half," Rice said.

He would then call the road foremen in the towns served by SAD 44.

"I'm going to be snowmobiling, fishing and hunting," he said. "As long as my wife supports me."

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From the OCSD log:

Tuesday, Dec. 6

At 11:23 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman responded to the Flat Road for a domestic dispute. Albert Gaudreau, 51, was arrested for domestic assault, Class D.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

At 2:15 p.m. a caller on the Walkers Mills Road reported not hearing from a subject for more than a month. The case was under investigation.

Thursday, Dec. 8

At 8:28 a.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the intersection of Vernon and Main streets for a property damage accident with two vehicles.

At 8:51 a.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to a hit-and-run accident on High Street. Andrew W. Bresette Jr. of Hanover was summonsed for operating after suspension.

Friday, Dec. 9

At 10:35 a.m. a report was received from Church Street of a suspicious person driving through the area. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 12:15 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis did a followup investigation on the Walkers Mills Road on a possible marijuana possession issue.

At 4:04 p.m. a business on the Mayville Road reported a subject stole some items and left the store when confronted. Cpl. Brian Landis located the suspect. Shannon McAlister, 23, of Bethel was issued a summons for theft.

At 5:45 p.m. a citizen found a wallet with cash and IDs on Main Street. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned. The owner was from out of state. Contact was made and the individual received her property back.

At 11:39 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes received a report of two people fighting in a truck on Railroad Street. The officer stopped the vehicle. Investigation by Deputies Noyes and Davis resulted in Matthew P. Petillo, 27, of North Gilead being arrested for violation of conditions of release, and Nicole Petillo, 29 of Gilead receiving a summons for OUI.

Saturday, Dec. 10

At 9:28 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Oak Ridge Road for a report of tenant issues, and additional information about possible criminal activity.

At 3:10 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Parkway for a report of juveniles possibly smoking marijuana. The subjects were gone on arrival.

At 5:40 p.m. a caller reported three juveniles on skateboards in the street on Broad Street who would not move for cars. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

Sunday, Dec. 11

At 12:15 a.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Matt Noyes responded to Summer Street for a report of two unwanted subjects at a business. Both were given criminal trespass warnings and left with no further complaints.

At 4:56 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Stevens Street for a welfare check. The person was fine.

At 9:23 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Richard P. Breaux, 31, on Chandler Hill Road for violation of conditions of release.

Monday, Dec. 12

At 5:44 p.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Mayville Road for a possible liquor law violation involving an adult and an underage subject.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The District Exchange will hold a grand opening at its new location on Friday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park Apartments). Refreshments will be served and volunteers and officers will be there to talk with you. The Exchange provides clean, used clothing at low prices. The money raised from the sale of clothing goes to provide food for the local area Food Pantry. The regular hours for the District Exchange are Monday from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 to 12 noon. Donations of gently used clothing are accepted only during Exchange hours.

The annual Living Nativity will be held on the Bethel Common on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. This live performance features local people, live animals, and music. The Living Nativity has been presented on the Bethel Common since 1984. The first event was chaired by local dance instructor Sue Farrar. There were three shows and an estimated 1,000 people watched the re-enactment. It was also taped for later showing on WMTW-TV. The Living Nativity remains an inspiring event. My tip for the evening: Dress warmly.

The Telstar Theater Department will present the romantic comedy "Almost, Maine" by actor John Cariani on

Dec. 15, 16, and 17 at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar. The shows will be at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 17, there will be a matinee at 2 p.m. "Almost, Maine" is composed of nine short plays that explore the pitfalls of love in a mythical place called Almost, Maine. The play premiered at the Portland Stage Company in Portland where it received rave reviews and broke box office records. The play was produced off-Broadway in 2006, but flopped after a month. Despite that, the play is popular worldwide in both professional and amateur stage companies. "Almost, Maine" is now the most produced play at North American high schools, recently overtaking Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Admission is free at the Telstar production, but donations will be accepted.

Vicky Ojeda Monsalve was guest of honor at a baby shower held at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 10. The shower was hosted by Judith Coletta of Woonsocket, R.I., and Merrie Lee Ojeda of Bethel. Vicky and Carlos Monsalve expect their baby boy to arrive in February.

Twenty-five people attended the tree lighting at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 10. Students from Telstar High School played Christmas Carols for the group. The instrumentalists were Annaliese Smith, Nick Johnson, Samantha Corriveau, Tabitha Corriveau, and former student Simon

Smith. Elizabeth Smith, who teaches music at Rumford Elementary School, played flute with the students.

If you have holiday news you'd like to share, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



There are still not very many birds at the feeders. As long as the weather stays like it is, they will probably stay away. It would be nice if the gray squirrels felt the same way. There is a battle going on with them and as soon as one of their ways to the feeder is stopped, they perform even more daring attempts.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday and filling me in on the very busy week he had. The reason for being so busy was as follows.

When someone takes on the responsibility of having a pet, sometimes they are lucky enough to have them for many years. After about eleven years, a pet becomes part of the family. I have, on occasion, written about my brother, Steve McLain, and his little black dog, Laney. There will be no more Laney stories because she passed away last week at approximately 12 years old. Laney traveled with Steve just about everywhere she could with him. She attended many selectmen's meetings and Gilead Historical Society meetings. She always came to visit with him on Saturdays and looked forward to her treats from Bob at the Transfer Station and here at the house. Since, she

was like a member of their family, condolences go out to Steve and Lise McLain.

Steve and Lise McLain went to Brad and Carole's house on Sunday morning for breakfast. They had omelets made of farm fresh eggs.

Lise McLain went to her chiropractor's appointment last Friday in Berlin, N.H.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent last Friday night and Saturday with us. We decided about 11 a.m. on Saturday that we would take a trip to Bethel. We ended up at Maine Line Products in Locke Mills. Sidney and I did a little shopping while we were there. We also ran into a few people that we knew. Caroline Gould was just coming out of the store, as we were going in. We saw Nate Buckman and his mother and daughter doing some shopping. Seneca Corriveau said she was driving by and saw all the cars so decided to check it out with her children. Our Sidney was surprised when we ran into a couple of ladies from Gilead, Ginny McCoy and Sidney Murphy. She got to meet someone with the same first name.

I saw Paige Crockett, but did not get a chance to speak to her. Her husband, Jarrod Crockett, and his father, Butch Crockett, were just heading into the building as we were leaving. Always nice to run into people you haven't seen for awhile, especially this time of year.

Town Office

All dog owners should remember that dog licenses are due in January. There will be a late fee of \$25 on dogs licensed after Jan. 31. The fee for a dog that has not been spayed/neutered is \$11 or \$6 if they have been. There has to be proof of a current rabies shot presented when the dog

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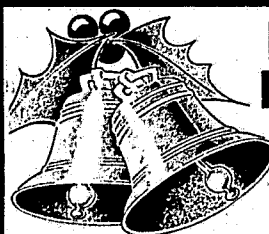
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Dec. 10, 1:20 a.m.: Matthew P. Petillo, 27, of Gilead, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Matt Noyes on Railroad Street in Bethel.

Dec. 11, 5:48 p.m.: Shannon M. Young, 23, of Bangor, hindering apprehension/prosecution; by Trooper Dan Hanson in Gilead.

Dec. 11, 9:15 p.m.: Richard P. Breaux, 31, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Matt Noyes on Chandler Hill Road in Bethel.

Dec. 12, 11 a.m.: Joseph R. Cox, 26, of Woodstock, burglary, receiving stolen property, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Dan Hanson in Gilead.



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Andover

By JANE RICH



The local chapter of the Knights of Pythias were pleased to see a photo of the Andover Memorial Day celebration in the November State newsletter. Featured in the picture were Freeman Farrington and yours truly. At one time there were 150 Pythian lodges in Maine which has dwindled to the current sum of 12. The Pyth-

ans are a service group that meet weekly in Andover. The Hanover unit merged with ours sometime ago.

Santa came to Andover on Saturday and so did the crafters from far and wide. There were three sites where you could see and purchase hand-crafted items for your Christmas giving which included the Fire Station, the Town Hall and the First Congregational Church. The weather was perfect for traveling around so the venues saw good foot traffic.

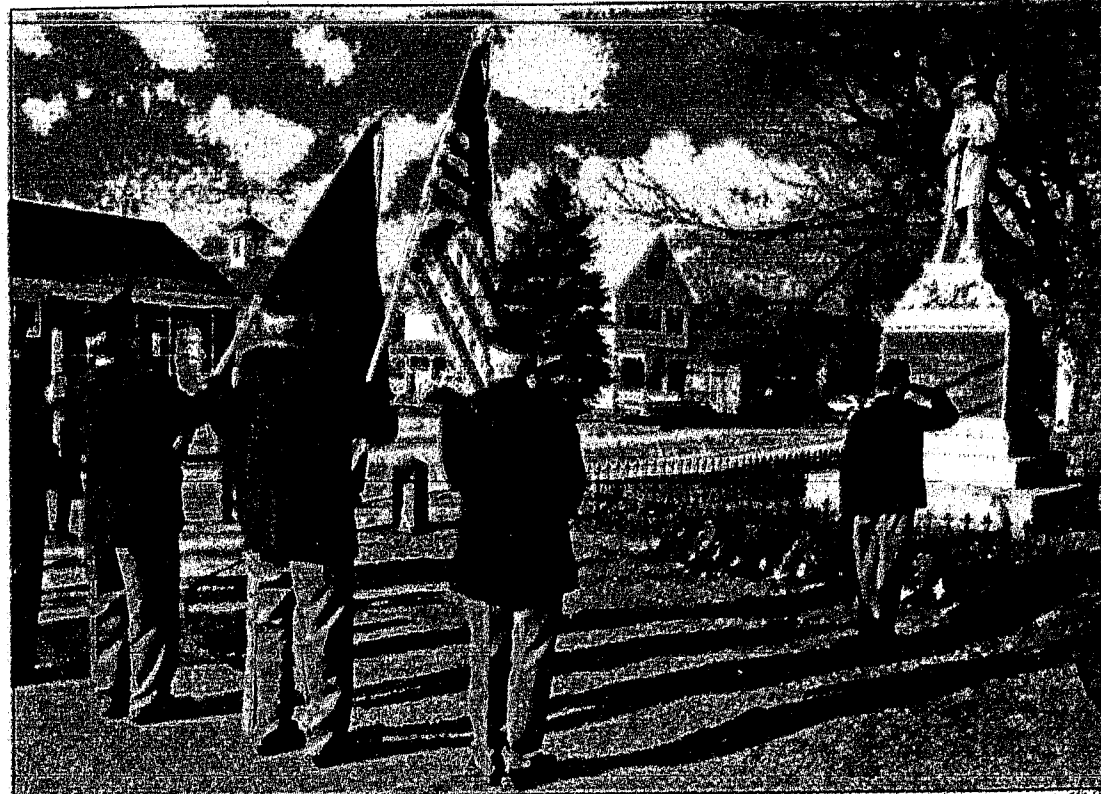
Congratulations to former town resident, now lives just over the line in Rumford, Shirley Milligan Gammon and Carroll York who were united in marriage on Dec. 3 at the Rumford Point Church. The ceremony was performed by the couple's pastors, Rev. Susan Tierney and Rev. Jane Rich.

Immediate family which included children, grandchild-

dren and siblings were present to witness the event. The couple share eight children, four on each side. The eldest in each family was the official witness on the marriage license. A reception, catered by Betsey White and Barbara Kenney, followed in the church basement.

The main news around town this past week was me, as I had a bad accident falling off, or rather, being thrown off my newly installed treadmill which necessitated a trip to the Rumford Hospital ER. It's something like this that makes one aware of how great living in a small town is. My personal thanks to Elaine Morton, Rob Dixon, the Med-Care crew and the ER doc and nurse Rick not to mention Xandy Morton who heard my calls for help. The result of this adventure was a dislocated right shoulder which let me tell you is the worst pain I ever experienced in my entire life, surgeries and all. Everyone pitched in to see that all my things for the sale got to the church, that I was cared for, visited and fed. Thanks to Tina Farrington at the Little Red Hen for the great fish chowder and her kindness in sending it. I'm hoping I'll be over this soon and back to collecting news for all of you to read. When I say the news spread far and wide believe it's true because I just had a call from Polly Johnston in Spanaway, Wash.! I always say Andover is the crossroads of the world.

Happy 75th birthday to Rufus Rich on the 18th. Those of you who might wish can send



SERVICE BRANCHES HONORED—Wreaths to honor all branches of the armed services were laid Saturday at the Bethel Civil War Monument on Main Street. The local observance coincided with the nationwide "Wreaths Across America" Day. Here, veteran Sylvia Clanton salutes after placing a wreath. In the foreground is a veterans' color guard from American Legion Post 81.

(Photo: A. Aloisto)

him a card to 395A Lisbon Road, Lisbon, Maine 04250.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The Hanover Planning Board met Wednesday, Dec. 7. Acting chairperson Darlene Baker conducted the meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of adopting the

statewide building code and creating a wind tower ordinance. The Board also amended the minutes of the October meeting to better reflect the events of that meeting.

Several large trees in Hanover Village were taken down after they were examined and deemed to be a danger to buildings nearby. Both trees were maples and probably had lived over 100 years.

The first tree taken down was on Joe Forbes' lawn and the other was on the lawn at the home of David Worcester. The same day a smaller tree that was damaged and near the wires was taken down at Howard Pond near the 3J cottage.

Colder weather over last weekend gave the feeling winter is sneaking in closer all the time. Sunday morning some of the smaller ponds were frozen over with a skim of ice. As always, it is not a good idea to venture out on this type of ice. It is not a safe place to be.

We send out get-well wishes to Barbara Ferguson who is recovering from surgery. Although Barbara lived in Hanover and raised her family here she recently relocated to the Fryeburg area.

As you travel around doing

your wrap-up Christmas shopping try to be careful. Remember those who may be less fortunate. All children look forward to gifts on Christmas morning.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



A not h er week has flown by and everyone seems to be waiting for snow to arrive. Hopefully we won't regret what we wish for. A white Christmas would be nice, though. Many I spoke to while gathering news told me that they have been busy putting up their tree and lights.

Arlene Harrington did just as she said and stayed home! So, on Dec. 11 she had an early Christmas get-together with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean, Gloria Crockett, Dori Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merrill and their daughter Taylor, and Esther Fuller.

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there were either five or six houses hooked up to electricity originally in East Bethel. I really appreciate hearing details like this.

This week it is time for a new Trivia question: In 1950 a state law went into effect, which now has been revoked. Which law is it? Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your answer and also your thoughts about it. This should be quite interesting.

Have a great week!

Locke Mills

BETSEY FOSTER



The selectmen recently awarded the bid for the used Greenwood snowplow. The highest bid was \$20,240, and that money was put into the Greenwood Highway Department fund for when we need to buy a new plow. Good idea that saving versus borrowing money for what we need.

The Greenwood Fire Department has received a Maine non-transport service license. This means they will be able to respond to medical emergencies in town and be the first on site. They will communicate with ambulance staff while the ambulance is en route. There are currently six certified first responders on the Greenwood Fire Dept. One of the six is a paramedic and two others are EMTs. PACE Ambulance has offered to train our fire department volunteers as first responders and EMTs at no charge. One must be a fire department volunteer to receive this training. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter can contact Chief Al Curtis at 875-2888.

Greenwood has beautiful new roadside signs that will be put up soon. For several years town officials have wanted to replace the old nondescript highway signs. They established a fund for this purpose, and, this year, had saved enough to pay for the four signs. The signs were made by Ross Swan (Greenwood) and the lake scene was painted by Troy

Jordan (Bethel). The painting is of South Pond looking north, and the sign states that Greenwood was the birthplace of L.L. Bean. Two of the signs will be along Route 26 entering and leaving Greenwood, one will be on Route 219, and one on the Greenwood Road at the Norway town line.

Kelly Newkirk has relocated her accounting business from Bethel to Locke's Mills. It is on Route 26 just after Maine Line Products heading toward Bethel. Welcome to Locke's Mills.

Happy belated birthday to Lorraine Larson who turned 79 on Dec 7. She said she appreciates very much the kind words people have said and the flowers The Bethel Citizen sent her on the occasion of her retirement as the Locke's Mills columnist.

The bald eagle flew over Round Pond recently presumably checking out the fishing conditions. It lives on North Pond and occasionally flies in this direction. Always a delight to see. Since male and female bald eagles look very similar, I hesitate to assign it a gender. It is good to see what a comeback bald eagles have made. Not only is there the North Pond eagle, there is also one along the Androscoggin River in Bethel and another near Gilead also along the river.

The Christmas Cantata will be held at the Locke's Mills Union Church Sunday Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. Choirs from various community churches will sing.

Local students will be performing in the play "Almost, Maine" this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Telstar. Check the Community Calendar for details.

The Area District Exchange will be holding its grand opening this Friday, Dec. 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park housing). This is a good chance to see the new space, enjoy some refreshments, and talk with the volunteers.

The money the Exchange raises from the sale of used clothing goes to support the area Food Pantry which provides food to people in crisis (by referral only).

You can send me news at 3tachi6@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Monday evening I received a phone call from my youngest daughter, Anita. She had just received a photo of me, posing in front of an F-105 aircraft in 1967 when I was stationed at Takhli Air Base in Thailand. I sent photos to my three kids' families after son-in-law Mark had asked me if I had any photos of my war experiences. He had quite a few photos of B-17's which his dad had flown in WWII, but none of me.

At any rate, Anita asked what kind of aircraft was in my photo and a few other questions about my wartime experiences. Then she suggested that I write a book about that. After explaining about my inertia and never getting around to it, she said maybe I could write a chapter at a time and save them to later put them together. That prompted me to agree to attempt just that, as part of my Citizen articles when I don't have anything else interesting to write, as is the case this week. So, here goes. I mean to write of my experiences and observations during my tour there, clouded by thirty-something years of memory loss because I cannot locate the few photos and calendar with notes about my missions. My notes were very limited because the missions that I flew were classified at the time, and I dared not be very specific.

The F-105

My adventures with the F-105 began in December, 1966. At that time I was an instructor Electronic Warfare Officer (EWO) on a B-52 crew at Castle AFB, Calif., where B-52 combat crew training began in those days. I received a phone call to come over to the wing command post to read a classified message they had for me. The message read to the effect that "Capt. Richard Grover is directed to proceed to Nellis AFB, NV for Wild Weasel training in the F-105 aircraft. Unless he has overriding personal reasons, he is to report to that base within two weeks."

As I had never heard of the

Wild Weasel program at that time, I asked some of the people in the command post what that was. Nobody else there knew either. Puzzled, I returned to my training squadron and asked Maj. Redmond if he could tell me what Wild Weasel was. I told him I had received orders to go be one, and I wanted to know what it was.

An odd expression came over his face. He grinned and said, "It's a classified program where the Wild Weasels go looking for surface to air missiles (SAMs)." I had read about F-105's being shot down by SAMs, and an uneasy feeling of (kind of like a lightning bolt) fear rose up in my throat. "Just how do they do that?" "They put some electronic gear in two seat F-105's, and they fly down the radar beams to locate and bomb the SAM sites." "You've got to be s---g me!" This became the unofficial motto of Wild Weasel crews, who all had the same reaction when they got the news!

Newry

By SENeca CORRIVEAU



Hello, hello and happy day to you. Please be sure to join us for the Living Nativity, held this Sunday up on the Bethel Common at 5 p.m. This annual event is regarded as a "must see" for any family. It is a true hallmark of the Christmas season as we come together to celebrate the birth of a little baby, born some two-thousand years ago, in a lowly hovel fit to house, sheep and ass, goat and cow. There will be live animals, a flock of precious rosy-cheeked angels and singing, so dress warmly, gather your loved ones and plan to attend the Living Nativity on the Common this Sunday at 5 p.m.!

In other news, the Bear River Trading Post tagged a total of 100 deer this hunting season. The top four Big Bucks each weighed in over 200 pounds making for some happy hunters and full freezers, yumm, yumm! Guess I'm going to have to get my license, too, just mentioning the four-legged darlings makes my

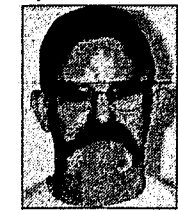
mouth water for the taste of fresh venison!

Until next week, stay warm, keep smiling and be a steady source of Christmas Cheer to everyone you meet!

P.S. I just want to say, God Bless Good Neighbors who make phone calls and bring gasoline to foolishly stranded motorists. Thanks Ed and Rhetta, and Mum!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid met Friday to finalize plans for breakfast that they will serve Sunday, Jan. 1. Carol gave each attending member a decorated goodie box. Cheryl presented everyone with homemade fudge. Leslie made pizza and her decadent cream puffs. The Ladies will not meet again until Jan. 6. Thank you Ladies for everything you did for the town in 2011. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, and we will see you next year.

The day after Thanksgiving, Chet and Andy Coulombe (Charlotte Aron Coulombe's husband and son) bagged a 7-point buck! This was Andy's first deer-hunting experience. His aunts, Judy and Norma, were there to help celebrate the occasion. The Upton House was pleased to have them as guests and will have pictures of the first deer tagged by a guest.

The heavy, wet snow Thursday caused a maple tree to fall across Back Street. It was laying on the power lines when I tried to come home about 6. It must have fallen before 2 p.m. as the mailman didn't make it to our house. It was obvious from the tracks that several cars had approached from each side and turned around because they couldn't get by the tree. I called Penny to have her come rescue me and she called C.M.P. to report the downed tree. The strange part of it all is that no one else had taken the time to call the power company even though the tree had been down for at least four hours. It's good that nobody south of the tree had an emergency requiring an ambulance or a fire truck.

Keith Leo's camp was occu-

pled this past weekend, also Andy Zybas'.

A new name has appeared on the mailbox that was Ray Bernier's. R. Wright is the name; no word on whether it will be a year-round or seasonal address. Harvey Small has erected a mailbox post, no mailbox yet. He or someone spends a lot of time in his place, maybe he is now a resident of Upton.

The selectmen met tonight (Sunday) to finish work on the proposed budget for 2012. The town meeting will be Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. at the school. The tax bills sent this year totaled \$188,000; so far \$150,000 has been collected, leaving about 17 percent uncollected. Interest charges on unpaid taxes will start soon.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com to tell me your news. Thank you.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



On the 10th day of Christmas my town column is gave to you! The countdown till Christmas is approaching single digits in assurance that the big day is nearing. I'm proud to say my shopping list is down to a few family members left to buy for. We did a great deal of shopping at Cabelas Saturday for the boys. They are all anxious for Christmas to arrive.

It was a thrill to drive home from Scarborough Saturday night to see the spirit of Maine at Christmas all lit up. Each house brilliantly decorated and shining with care from the rooftop to the next lawn. The boys bought hamsters with their money they have received for good behavior and they are having fun bonding with the little fur balls. Some of the smallest treasures are the most rewarding.

My daughter and I made sugar cookies from scratch last week for everyone to enjoy; they didn't last long and we even doubled the batch!

The twins started basketball for the season last week

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To the taxpayers of Woodstock --

As you may know Patriot Renewables is now well on it's way to completing the Spruce Mountain Wind Farm project on Spruce Mountain. This 10-wind power turbine project will result in additions to the Town's financial capabilities. This letter is intended to clarify what this will mean for Woodstock property taxpayers.

Patriot has already written a check to the town in the amount of \$80,000 -- a one-time contribution that is earmarked "solely for local land conservation purposes". The voters of Woodstock, at an Annual Town Meeting, will make the final decision on any proposal for the use of this money. We are encouraging you to bring any proposals you have to either a Selectmen's Meeting or the Town Conservation Commission for their reviews. The Selectmen and the Conservation Commission will be working together to find the best possible intended use for this money. We will then discuss those issues with you via either Selectmen's Meetings and or a Public Hearing before an annual town meeting

Secondly, Patriot will be remitting \$20,000 to the town each year, as a required part of the permitting process by the Department of Environmental Protection, as a "tangible benefit". This money is not earmarked for any particular purpose so it can be used for different, medium-sized projects from year to year. Suggestions for the use of these funds should be brought to the Selectmen's attention. It is not too soon to be doing this for the 2012 Town Meeting. Whatever use is determined by the Selectmen will then be finalized by your vote.

Thirdly, because of the large increase in property value due to Patriot's construction of wind towers, there will be a substantial increase in our Town Valuation, or tax base. Depending on future mil rates, we will be receiving something on the order of \$400,000 annually, in additional tax revenue, because of this project. This money will be part of the town's overall tax revenue and can be used in any way the voters at Annual Town Meeting see fit: to take on large projects for municipal improvement or for property tax relief by lowering our mil rate quite noticeably. This sum of money is a large benefit, and the Selectmen particularly request your input on the most beneficial ways to apply it. Please let us know of your ideas and suggestions so that together we can compile a list of priorities for budgeting and planning.

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at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The weather was a bit of a mixture last week; I was looking forward to the snow that we never received. My oldest son and I had the chance to close out the muzzle-loading season with a few nice days. It was quiet walking and just the right temps if dressed well. Despite many hours and miles we were not successful. However, we had the excitement of jumping up a buck in the swamp and hearing a buck blow at us. We flushed out ten or twenty ruffed grouse, and we were right on the tail of a nice size moose. We had a great hunting season and hopefully we will have better luck next year.

I'm sad to say Saturday we laid away my Grandfather's beloved work horse, Pete. He lived to the ripe old age of thirty. My grandfather bought him when he was four years old back when I was six years old. As a child I used to ride him bareback up and down the Greenwood Road, and my father and grandfather worked him in the woods for many years. Pete has been quite a mascot, for the farm people often stop by just to see the "old work horse." He will be greatly missed by many.

Sunday the strangest thing happened. We have caught glimpses of a stray cat wandering frightfully around our house. We have tried catching it in a live cage for a week or so with no luck, but Sunday morning I walked outside casually in hopes of putting my trash in my trash can when out on the lawn appeared a small stray cat, with four tiny feet and a look so lively and quick. She approached me abruptly

ly and instantly starts rubbing up against my leg with her body. She weaves in and out in a figure eight encircling my legs and she looks up to me with her big eyes as if to say I mean you no harm please help. At that moment I could see she was not sick or mean she followed me in the house with no hesitation and filled her sack like a bowl full of jelly. She was content and ate as if she hadn't eaten in weeks. She quickly made herself at home and nestled up close to my kids in hopes of finding her happiness amongst the warmth of loving people. The only thing that I could see is that she needs to make friends with my cats cause she was not as inviting with their presence. If anyone is honestly missing a tigered female cat please contact me at 674-2397. If an owner doesn't turn forward then she will have a forever home here if all goes well. My thought for the week is: Happiness can be sought out in the smallest packages, and sometimes it finds you before you find it.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Greetings and Happy Holidays from the foothills of Albany. Sure do wish we would have some snow so it would seem a lot more like Christmas time.

Still no news from my neighbors. I know country folk are very private people but I am sure that one day they will have something to share. In the meantime I will rattle on about the doings at this end of town.

It has been a busy week for me as usual. Went to the

Christmas Dance Recital on Friday night at Telstar. It was wonderful as always. My granddaughter did a great job with her dance. She is growing up all too quickly. She spent the day and night with me yesterday and we had a grand time decorating and making cookies. She thought the cookie press was just wonderful and went home with a big bag of cookies.

My son, Doug, took some time out of his busy schedule and did some chores for me today. Thanks a million Doug!

Roger and Yvette Barton visited Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Barton on Monday.

Talked to my son, Dan, and we are, or I should say he and Doug are making plans for our family gathering.

Watched the Patriots game today. The Redskins sure gave them a run for their money but the Pats squeaked by in the end. Then watched the Packers game which was very entertaining.

Must go clean up after a busy day and get ready for school tomorrow. Have a grand week everyone!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It's mid-December and it finally begins to feel like it! The mornings and evenings have been cold and only the mid-days warm. Still, it has been mild for this time of year. I remember Decembers where it seemed to never get above zero. My first year at my house in Newry we had used up most of the wood by mid-winter because it had been so cold. Of course, being the first winter in a new house, it was not properly winterized. By the next year I had plastic up on the porch to create a false entryway when one entered the house. I also figured out how to control the pipes freezing. We do not worry about that now. We have enough insulation that the house stays fairly warm on its own.

We were privileged to have a visit yesterday from friends Bonnie and Robert from Woodstock. That was nice. We do not get too many visitors that don't need a TV or computer fixed.

This week holiday affairs begin in earnest. Becky and Jeff had a family gathering this past Saturday. All were there except Maddie. She was missed but all else had a great time. Martin played Santa and all the kids got gifts.

Thursdays, Dec. 15, 22 and 29 ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) meets at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. All are welcome. It is a discussion group and we are just finishing the steps. In case of inclement weather or for more info please call 739-9115.

Thursday, the 15th, Waterford will have a potluck at the Wilkins House. Bring a dish and enjoy the company of friends.

Friday, the 16th, is the Grand Opening of the District Exchange at its new location at Bethel Park Housing on Mason Street from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The space is provided free of charge by Rosa Scarcelli owners of Bethel Park.

The 18th at 4 p.m. at the Waterford Common the library annual community gathering will take place with candlelit caroling. After the caroling all are invited to the library for refreshments and family gathering fun and a visit with Santa. FMI call 583-2050.

Monday, the 19th, the Knit and Chat group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. at Waterford Library. All are welcome.

Chanukah starts on the 21st next Wednesday. Happy Chanukah to all my Jewish friends. Then before we know it, Sunday, the 25th, Christmas will be upon us, too. Merry Christmas!

That is all the space I have for today. Have a great week and stay warm. I almost forgot, promised to ask about a piano teacher. I only have a keyboard having lost my piano in the fire, but am looking for a teacher. Call me at 739-9115. Also call with any news you have.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning to you dear readers, it's an overcast day here today on this Saturday morning with 34 degrees and the sun peeking thru the clouds and a little breeze; so looking for a super sunny day as we got a few things we want to get done, and I so enjoy cleaning and tidying up when the sun is shining bright.

Condolences to the families of Annella Burnham, Beverly Pelletier and John W. Small, Jr.

Love and prayers to each family member on the recent loss of their loved one.

Get well wishes to those who are not feeling quite up to par these days.

Rumor has it that someone is holding a \$30,000 winning ticket that was bought at Melby's in Waterford this week. Congratulations to the lucky ticket holder.

For some reason my winter birds are not very plentiful, I only have two chickadees and two bluejays and of course two squirrels. We bought new feed and mixed it and cleaned the feeders but still no titmouse, nuthatches, finches, cardinals, plenty of trees around for them to seek shelter in. My oh my, what am I doing wrong! I even hung out some suet and seed cakes for them.

The band and I will be entertaining the Veterans on Wednesday of this week we got lots of Christmas carols ready for a sing-a-long. What an awsum good feeling of enjoyment we get from being able to bring some joy and good feelings to our Veterans year round.

We are going to attend the public supper at the Fire Station in Paris tonight for Butch Larson, a long-time firefighter who is battling cancer. Hope to see many local and surrounding town firefighters supporting one of their own.

Some of our readers do not know me, so here is a brief bio: I was born in Paris, Maine 1942. I grew up in Oxford and attended schools there and in

Norway. I started out working as a waitress at Goodwin's Dairy Bar back in the late '50s, worked for B.E. Cole shoe factory, Advertiser Democrat, Sun Journal reporter, Escort driver for Burlington Home, then returned to my music career in 1998, "Lolalee" & The Country Bandits have been together for six years, entertaining at nursing homes and Living Centers and Veterans' homes. We play at fairs--dances--anniversary & wedding's, birthday parties, outdoor summer concert series, camp grounds, etc. (We play country, gospel, big band era, some new country, '50 and '60s.)

I am the public relations person for the Down East Country Music association.

I also have a weekly town column for The Advertiser Democrat in Norway. I enjoy crocheting, knitting and doing plastic canvas crafts, and I have a great passion for home cooking, especially in the cooler months of the year. I have a full life and love doing for others.

Just got a call from our son Craig and he wants us to meet him and our grandson Spencer for breakfast in town so this is all from the valley this week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met Saturday, Dec. 3. The Charter was draped in memory of Annella Burnham. A thank you was received for the Thanksgiving basket. Reported on dictionary program. Each year dictionaries are given to third graders at Woodstock Elementary School and Forestdale School. Reported, we have had 2x4 given to use, on the bathroom. Opted to meet in January and February one meeting a month at Alice Hoyt's home. A delicious dinner was served following the meeting. Program: opening thought by Bertha

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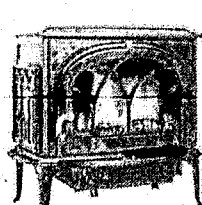
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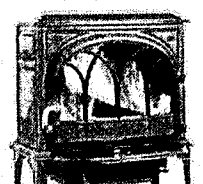
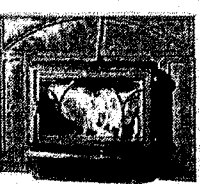
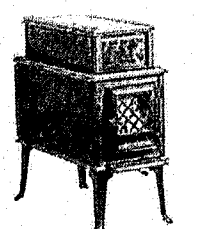
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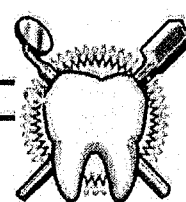
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MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

The MKA kids have been very busy after-school. At CPS the students made an Advent Calendar and each day one activity is planned. The students recently made Holiday cards for the folks at the Maine Veterans Home and decorated the school tree. They also made decorations and crafts for the MKA room tree. We would like to welcome our newest program to MKA.

Amy Lilly is leading Yoga classes currently at CPS and starting in January at TMS. Our Karate programs are now on break but will start up again in January at both CPS and WES sites.

Congratulations to the MKALEGO team with coaches Marie Keane and Eric Wight they competed Saturday, Dec 10th at the Augusta Civic Center...the theme this year is Food Factor.

High school juniors, watch for information about the upcoming SAT PREP class starting in January that will be taught by Deb Piccirillo and Doug Bennett. This class is designed to allow students to practice and refresh skills in Math & English before the SAT test in May. On behalf of our board of directors, have a great holiday and school vacation. Thank you to all who support us at Mahoosuc Kids!

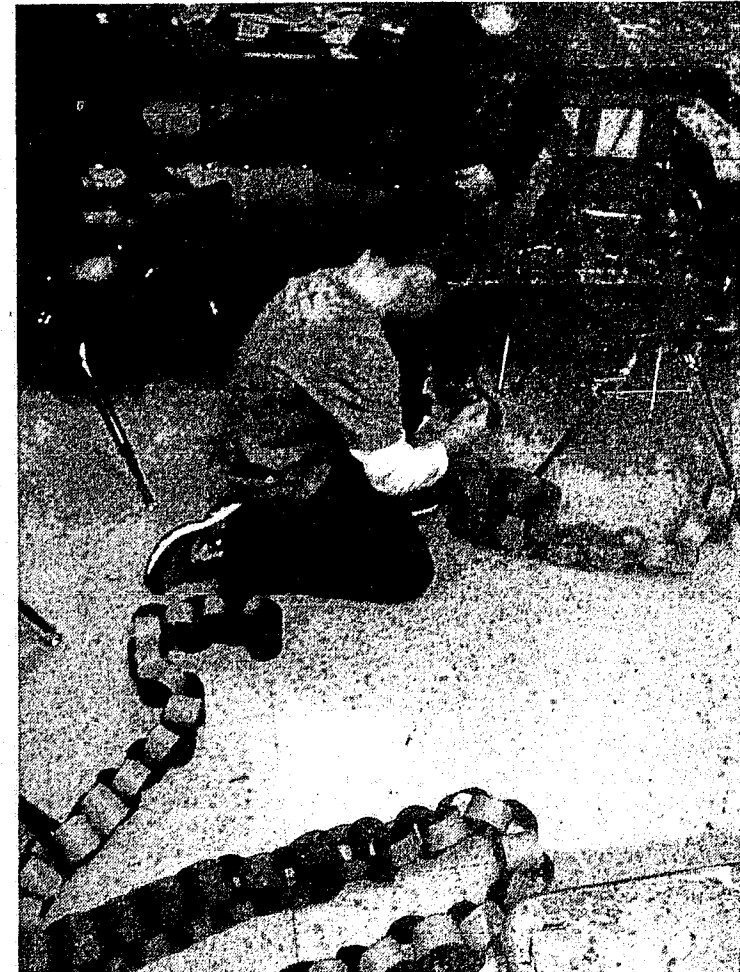
- Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Decorating the Mahoosuc Kids tree! From Left, McKinley Braley, Ryan Beckerman, Reese Rosenberg, Charlotte Lambert, Harrison Kimball, Dante Maravalle, Ben Beckerman, & Evan



Lego League team members placed 6th out of 62 teams this past Saturday at the LEGO Competition held at the Augusta Civic Center. Back: l-r Preston Fultz, McKinley Braley, Matthew Bennett, Kellen True, Kurtis Grover. Front: l-r: Sam Weafer, Mia Shifron, Ben Alford, Gaelan Boyle-Wight



Ben Beckerman putting the finishing touches on the paper chain for the Mahoosuc Kids Tree.



Alex Chase preparing to draw for Winter Pictionary.



Jacky Tse showing off his "mini me" elf.



Mario DeVivo and Dante Maravalle with their "mini me" elves.



Brayden Stevens with a gingerbread cookie that he decorated.



Carly Stevens prepares to make a Christmas decoration.



Emma Kruse, Ella Kellogg, Max Kruse, and Davin Mason playing a game of Bingo.



Max Kruse works on his Christmas decoration.

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Dec. 16th	Dirigo	Dirigo	4:00
Dec. 19th	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	4:00
Dec. 21st	Carrabec	Carrabec	4:00
Dec. 28th	Wiscasset	Wiscasset	1:00
Jan. 9th	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	4:00
Jan. 13th	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	4:00
Jan. 28th	Dirigo	Dirigo	TBA
Jan. 30th	Dirigo	Telstar	4:00
Feb. 2nd	Monmouth	Telstar	4:00
Feb. 8th	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	4:00

all dates/times subject to change

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Dec. 12th	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	7:00
Dec. 16th	Dirigo	Dirigo	7:00
Dec. 19th	Spruce Mtn	Telstar	7:00
Dec. 28th	Wiscasset	Wiscasset	2:30
Jan. 3rd	Lisbon	Lisbon	7:00
Jan. 5th	Boothbay	Telstar	7:00
Jan. 9th	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	7:00
Jan. 13th	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	7:00
Jan. 18th	Winthrop	Winthrop	7:00
Jan. 19th	Mt. Abram	Telstar	7:00
Jan. 21st	Madison	Madison	7:00
Jan. 23rd	Lisbon	Telstar	7:00
Jan. 26th	Winthrop	Telstar	7:00
Jan. 30th	Dirigo	Telstar	7:00
Feb. 2nd	Monmouth	Telstar	7:00
Feb. 6th	Hall-Dale	Hall-Dale	7:00
Feb. 8th	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	7:00

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS JV BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
Dec. 12th	Mt. Abram	Mt. Abram	5:30
Dec. 16th	Dirigo	Dirigo	5:30
Dec. 19th	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	5:30
Dec. 21st	Carrabec	Carrabec	5:30
Jan. 3rd	Lisbon	Lisbon	5:30
Jan. 5th	Boothbay	Telstar	5:30
Jan. 9th	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	5:30
Jan. 13th	St. Dom's	St. Dom's	5:30
Jan. 18th	Winthrop	Winthrop	5:30
Jan. 21st	Madison	Madison	5:30

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
12/12/11	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	3:30
12/14/11	St. Dom's (V only)	St. Dom's HS	5:00
12/19/11	Buckfield	Buckfield	3:30
01/03/12	Buckfield	Telstar	3:30
01/04/12	Dirigo	Dirigo	3:30
01/06/12	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:30
01/11/12	Carrabec	Telstar	3:30
01/18/12	Spruce Mtn.	Jay HS	3:30
01/25/12	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	3:30
02/01/12	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
02/08/12	Carrabec	Carrabec	3:30

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
12/12/11	Mtn. Valley	Telstar	3:30
12/14/11	St. Dom's (V only)	St. Dom's HS	3:30
01/04/12	Dirigo	Telstar	3:30
01/11/12	Carrabec	Carrabec	3:30
01/18/12	Spruce Mtn.	Telstar	3:30
01/20/12	Buckfield	Telstar	3:30
01/23/12	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Valley	3:30
01/25/12	St. Dom's (V only)	Telstar	5:00
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Hags, opening song, "Joy to the World," a reading by Laura Hutchins, "Silent Night," song, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," exchange of gifts, reading, "The Greatest Gift" by Bertha, closing thought and closing song, "Silent Night." Next meeting is the second Saturday in January with potluck dinner. Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school 9:15 a.m., morning worship 10:30, evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30. Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. is a special presentation from the Sunday school children followed by a dessert social at the Fellowship Hall. Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. will be a Candlelight Service and Dec. 25 at 10:30 Christmas morning service. No Sunday school or evening service on Christmas Day. The Woodstock Extension will meet for a Christmas party at the home of Alice Hoyt on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The Historical Society mourns the passing of Annella Burnham, an extraordinary member. She served repeatedly as vice president, chairman of the board, and finance chairman. Once she

was president but would not be again. She would do almost anything for the good of all. God Bless You forever, Annella. He has tasks for you now. We loved you dearly from the Historical Society. The Historical Society had a Christmas party with exchange of gifts recently. Vicki Billings cooked lasagna for the potluck. Meetings will resume in March.

New books at Bethel Library

The Bethel Library has added the following books:
Adult Fiction: "The Castle Cottage" by Susan Wittig Albert, "Zero Day" by David Baldacci, "The Accident" by Linwood Barclay, "As the Pig Turns" by M. C. Beaton, "A Death in Summer" by Benjamin Black, "Wedding Quilt" by Jennifer Chiaverini, "The Affair: A Reacher Novel" by Lee Child, "Micro" by Michael Crichton, "Killer Listing" by Vicki Doudera, "The Time in Between" by Maria Duenas, "Prague Cemetery" by Umberto Eco, "Nightwoods" by Charles Frazier, "The Widower's Tale" by Julia Glass, "Lady of the Rivers"

by Philippa Gregory, "The Litigators" by John Grisham, "The Art of Fielding" by Chad Harbach, "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman, "Prey: A Novel" by Linda Howard, "Ellis Island" by Kate Kerrigan, "English Teacher" by Lily King, "11/22/63" by Stephen King, "The Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje, "The Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka, "Christmas Wedding" by James Patterson, "A Christmas Homecoming" by Anne Perry, "Daughters of the Witching Hill" by Mary Sharratt, and "Lost Angel" by Javier Sierra and Carlos Frias.

Adult Nonfiction: "The Time of Our Lives" by Tom Brokaw, "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back" by Thomas Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum, "Near Home" by Billy Graham, "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson, "Governor's Travels: How I Left Politics, Learned to Back Up a Bus, and Found America" by Angus King, "Lions of the West: Heroes and Villains" by Robert Morgan, "Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend" by Susan Orlean, "How I Got This Way" by Regis Philbin, "Cabin: Two

Brothers, a Dream, and Five Acres in Maine" by Lou Ureneck, "My Long Trip Home: A Family Memoir" by Mark Whitaker, and "Conditions May Vary: A Guide to Maine Weather" by Greg Zielinski.

Junior and Children: "No Two Alike" by Keith Baker, "Home for Christmas" by Jan Brett, "Strega Nona's Gift" by Tomie DePaola, "Blowing in the Wind" by Bob Dylan and Jon J. Muth, "Circus Galacticus" by Deva Fagan, "The Outcasts" by John Flanagan, "Emperor of Nihon-ja" by John Flanagan, "Kings of Clonmel" by John Flanagan, "Inheritance" by Christopher Paolini, "Liesl & Po" by Lauren Oliver and Kei Acedera, "Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures" by Brian Selznick, "Dinosaur vs. the Library" by Bob Shea, "Cleopatra's Moon" by Vicky Shecter, "Everything on It" by Shel Silverstein, and "The Scorpion Races" by Maggie Stiefvater.

Audio Books: "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech (CDs).

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Tickets are available at the door or by calling 824-3575. The same program will be presented for the Telstar Middle and High School students and district home school and private school students Jan. 4. FMI; please visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

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In 1993 the company Golden Gates was created in St. Petersburg, Russia. Initially touring the Western states and the Hawaiian Islands, the group met with great acclaim due to their considerable talents and natural exuberance. Their venues have been as varied as First Night New Year's Eve Celebrations to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. They also initiated a charity program entitled Music in Mission and Rotary Children's Fund which raises money for the orphans of Russia.

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West Parish Congregational Church - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-3763.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel.

Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministries-Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline. Rev. Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

EAST STONEHAM
Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS
Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS
First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sun-

day service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers part third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is pro-

vided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.
Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

OXFORD
St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT
Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

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SUMNER
East Sumner Congregational Church - Football, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS
First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study- 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.
Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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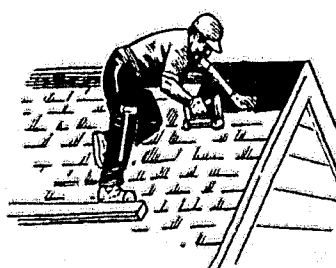
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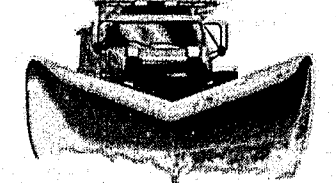
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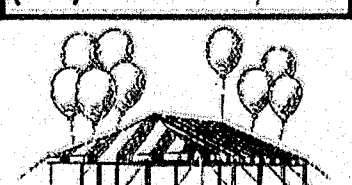


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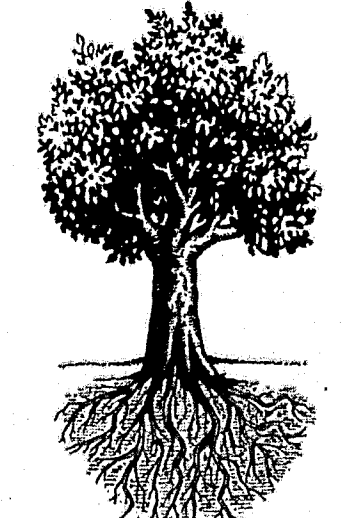
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Happening Around Town

Country Christmas in Bethel Through Saturday, December 24

Small town atmosphere, fun events, Thanksgiving to Christmas. Country Christmas in Bethel is weekends Thanksgiving to Christmas, with a few mid-week activities also. Saturday afternoon wagon rides through historic Bethel village, open houses, shopping specials, holiday concerts, greens sale, Living Nativity.

Almost, Maine Thursday, December 15 to Saturday, December 17

The Telstar Regional High School Theater Department proudly presents John Cariani's popular "Almost, Maine". Performances are December 15, 16 & 17 at 7pm, with a 2pm matinee on December 17. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Winterfest 2011 at Sunday River Friday-Sunday, December 16-18

Come join the party at Winterfest 2011 where we kick-off the season with a bang for the fourth year in a row. Discounted ski and stay packages and many events will be happening throughout the weekend. FMI call 1-800-543-2754.

Dining at the Peak Saturday, December 17

Fine Dining at 2,100 ft. Ride the Chondola to Sunday River's mountain-top Peak Lodge for a one-of-a-kind dining experience. Upon reaching the Peak Lodge you will be greeted with complimentary champagne, passed hors d'oeuvres and live music from Scott Folsom. Our chefs offer a creative blend of fine cuisine and Maine ingredients you won't be able to resist. Seatings: from 7-8:30pm, open until 10pm. Cost: \$65 per person. Reservations are required: 207-824-5076.

Snowmobile Hill Climb at Black Mountain of Maine Saturday, December 17

Black Mountain of Maine will host it's first snowmobile hill climb of the season. The lodge will open at 1pm for last minute registration and bib pick-up. The event will kick off at 3pm and the evening will feature free, live entertainment. FMI: 364-8977.

The Living Nativity Sunday, December 18

A live re-enactment of the nativity using real people and live animals is very inspiring! This event is held outside every year on the Bethel village common. Dress warm and come to the common on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5:00pm to view this scene performed by local people...and animals. Which new family will play Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus this year?

Black Diamond Family Entertainment presents: Brent McCoy Comedy that WORKS! Tuesday, December 27

7:00 pm- Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Brent McCoy is one hard-working entertainer. Technically difficult and accidentally amazing, his performance combines spectacular circus skills, ridiculous physical comedy, and spontaneous audience interaction. Brent's work has been called fabulous, funny, and amazing by audiences everywhere. Whether he's juggling five safety cones, untangling a tape measure, or balancing precariously atop his Rolling Globe-Olla, you'll be spellbound for the entire show. FMI call 1-800-543-2754.

Black Diamond Family Entertainment presents: Master Stage Hypnotist Ian Stewart Thursday, December 29

7pm - Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom, Sunday River. Ian Stewart is one of North America's top comedic hypnotists! Ian Stewart draws from more than a decade of experience to provide a unique blend of hypnotism, audience participation and non-stop laughter! Ever wonder what it would be like to be a contestant in the Miss America Competition, take a trip to Mars, forget how to count or even speak in a completely new language? Well, Ian invites volunteers from your audience to come on stage and do just that (and much, much, more). Ian Stewart is widely regarded as the experienced, professional choice in Hypnotic Entertainment! FMI call 1-800-543-2754.

Homemade gifts your family, friends, and four-legged pals are sure to love!

Handmade Soap

Wrap these up in vintage doilies and tie with a ribbon.

- 12 oz. unscented white soap, grated
- 1 cup water
- eye dropper
- food dye
- fragrance oil
- freezer paper
- heavy-duty plastic containers
- rubber gloves

Place grated soap in a stainless steel saucepan. Over low heat, add water and stir until soap melts

and mixture forms a paste. Remove from heat and use an eye dropper to add desired amount of food dye and fragrance. Let cool slightly and pour into plastic containers; set aside to harden. When soap is completely hard, slice into blocks, place on freezer paper and let dry out for one week. Grate blocks in a stainless steel bowl and add just enough water to moisten; stir and drain any excess water. Slip on rubber gloves, remove a handful of soap and form into a hard ball; repeat. Let soap balls dry on freezer paper, turning so they dry evenly, for about 2 weeks.

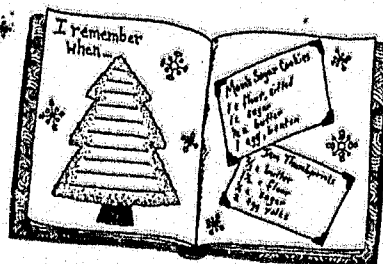


Keepsake Cookbook

Create a book of memories to be shared and cherished!

- recipe album
- color copies of family photos
- decorative-edge scissors
- glue stick
- collection of family stories
- decorative paper punches
- sheets of heavy cardstock
- stickers
- colorful pens
- ruler

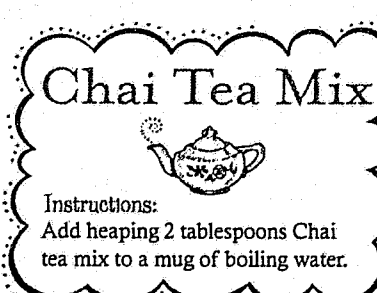
Too many times we wish we could prepare a favorite recipe we remember from childhood, but over the years, the recipe's been lost or sometimes never even written down. This Christmas, make a keepsake cookbook that will be a treasured gift for someone you love. Be creative! Color copies of family pictures will really make your book special. Cut them out with decorative-edge scissors and scatter throughout your book. Take a tape recorder to family get togethers and ask family members to talk about their best recipes and the story behind them, then write or type those memories next to the recipe. Sometimes heirloom recipes need adjusting to compensate for today's ingredients or ovens. You may even need to follow your mom or grandmother around the kitchen, take notes and measure the quantities as she cooks. Also, copies of handwritten recipe cards can add a sentimental touch to your book, so sprinkle them among typed recipes.



Angie's Chai Tea Mix

Present this tea mix along with a fabric-covered journal for jotting down thoughts in quiet moments...so relaxing!

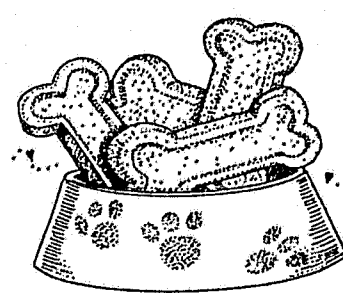
- 2½ cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup instant tea mix
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1 cup powdered non-dairy creamer
- ½ cup vanilla-flavored powdered non-dairy creamer
- 1½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp cardamom



Mix all ingredients well; store in an airtight container. Attach a gift tag, similar to the one pictured, with instructions.

Homemade Doggie Bones

- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 cup wheat germ
- ½ cup soy flour
- ½ cup powdered milk
- 2 tbsp brewer's yeast
- ½ cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp honey
- ¾ cup water



Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl. Add oil and blend until mixture resembles coarse meal. Beat in eggs, honey, and enough water to form a stiff dough. Work with hands until pliable. Roll dough out to ½ inch thick; cut with bone-shaped cookie cutters. Arrange on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 2 to 2½ dozen.

Quick & Easy Candles

This is a fun project to make with a group of friends; set up a crafty assembly line!

- decorative-edged scissors
- color copies of photos or vintage postcards
- decorative paper
- spray adhesive
- purchased jar candles, decorative labels removed
- gift tags
- ribbon

Use scissors to cut out color copies. Cut decorative paper a little larger than the photo to create a mat frame; glue together with spray adhesive. Attach framed photo to the candle jar, using spray adhesive, to create a label. Tie on gift tag with ribbon.

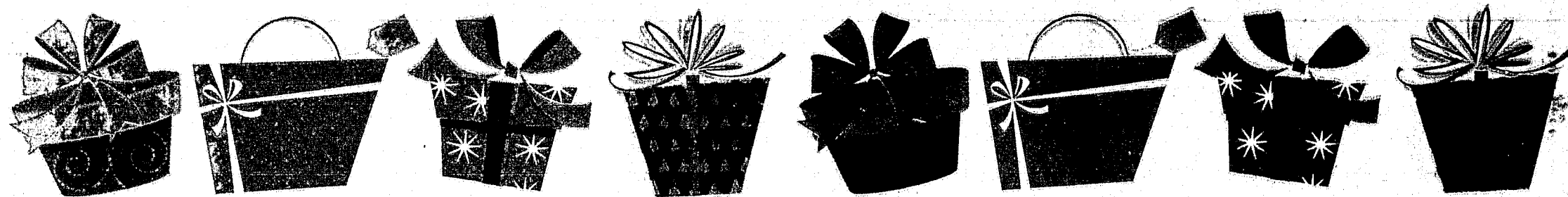


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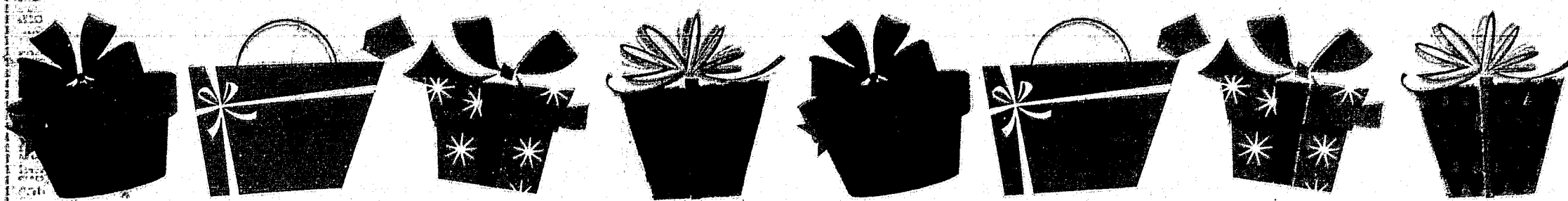
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While visiting with friends and family during the holiday season, also consider visiting your National Forest.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Madison 69, Telstar 66, Dec. 9- In the home and season opener, the Rebels led until 2:10 left in the 4th quarter. It was a tough loss to start the season. Scorers: Dom Haines 18, Corey Howard 12, Drew Wilson 10. Rebounds: Nick Mills 12, Corey Howard 12, and Mike Del Duca 12. - Coach Sean Caddigan

Telstar 59, Mt. Abram 33; Dec. 12- The Rebels bounced back from the Game 1 loss with a solid team effort. Defense led the way. Scorers: Danny Whitney 21, Nick Mills 11. Rebounds: Nick Mills 10. Steals: Danny Whitney 7. - Coach Sean Caddigan

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Madison 62, Telstar 36; Dec. 9- The Rebels were never able to recover after a slow start to the first half on both the offensive and defensive ends. They did show their resilience by playing dead even with Madison in the second half. Scorers: Rick James 8; Nik Conrad 5; Austin Ryerson 5; Tyler Cherkis 5. - Coach Sean Caddigan

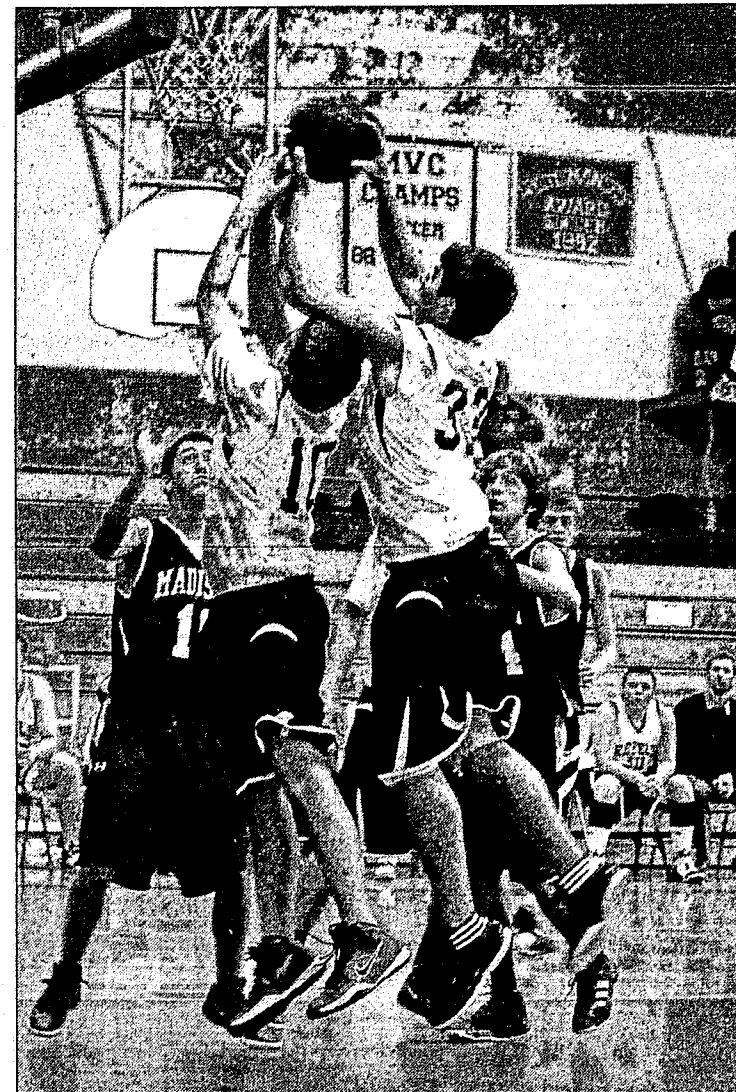
Mt. Abram 54, Telstar 47; Dec. 12- An all-around team effort by the Rebels, with 10 players scoring and everyone working hard on the defensive end. Scorers: Maverik Griffin 11; Austin Ryerson 7; Zack Mills 7. - Coach Sean Caddigan

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Madison 46, Telstar 20; Dec. 9- Telstar opened their season against Madison, losing at home. After a slow start and being down by 21 at the half, the team really settled in and played much better in the second half and particularly in the fourth quarter. The team only had nine eligible players due to illness and injury, making it a challenge for the young team. Maissey Griffin led the team with 11 points, 4 from Katie Merrill, 2 points each from Jessie Kelly and Jenny Wakefield, and 1 point by Dora Pilgrim-Guay. - Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 51, Mt. Valley 42; Dec. 12- Telstar defeated Mt. Valley 51-42 for a 1-1 season record. Cameron Pike led all scoring with 26 points which included three 3-pointers. Brandon Dougherty had 11 points, and Tanner Wheeler added 8 points. Good defense by Calvin Glover was another key to the win. - Coach Tim O'Connor



TOUGH LOSS-The Telstar boys' varsity basketball team lost its home opener, 69-66, to Madison. The Rebels led for much of the game, but the Bulldogs caught them at the end. Here, Telstar's Mike Del Duca, 33, pulls down a rebound. Ricky James is #10. (Photo: A. Aloisio)



ALMOST, MAINE-The Telstar Regional High School Theater Department Performances will present "Almost, Maine" Dec. 15, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m., at Telstar. "Almost, Maine" is a romantic comedy set on a cold and snowy winter's night in a remote (and mythical) northern Maine town. The mysteries of the human heart are explored as the townspeople fall in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Admission is free, with donations accepted to benefit this and future productions. Refreshments will be available. Cast pictured here are, front: Aaron Speakman, Tabby Corriveau, James Piccirillo, Megan LaCroix, Sammy Corriveau. Middle: Nick Johnson, Shelby Levesque, Anneliese Smith, Liam Gallagher, Emily Bellingier. Back: Aislinn Forbes, Karen White, Anna Tyrina, Gabe Aguilar, Trent Bonney, Matthew Keane. Absent: Meg Glover. (Submitted photo)

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org.

Thru Dec. 18

11 to 12:30 - **Nordic Walking,** Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway. Meet at parking area. Bring walking poles if possible, a few available for loan. Dress in layers and wear good walking shoes or hiking boots. FMI: 739-2124.

Tuesdays thru Dec. 20

2 to 3:30 p.m. - **Grief Support Group - Support through Holiday Season** at Harper Conference Center in Ripley Medical Office building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Free but registration required. FMI/register: Robin Green LCSW at 743-1562 ext 6999.

Thru Dec. 30

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **The Creche Collection,** display of nativity scenes (small or large modeled representation or tableau of Mary, Joseph and others around the crib of Jesus, from around the world at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. FMI: 935-9232.

Thursday, Dec. 15

7 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper,** Wilkins Community House, Plummer Road, Waterford.

7 p.m. - Join members of **BANC** at Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House (corner Mason and Broad Street) for a fun, casual event to get to know the organizations working to improve our environment, education, economy, health, and recreational and cultural opportunities. Free appetizers, wine and beer catered by Good Food Store. FMI: www.bethelmaine nonprofits.org.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 15, 16, 17

7 p.m. (2 p.m. Dec. 17) - **"Almost, Maine,"** presented by Telstar Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Friday, Dec. 16

7 to 2:30 p.m. - **District Exchange Grand Opening Celebration,** 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park housing). Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. The new District Exchange space is provided free of charge by Rosa Scarcelli, owner of Stanford Management which manages Bethel Park.

7:30 p.m. - **Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center,** 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents Barefoot Truth, eclectic rock band. Tickets: \$18 adults/\$15 seniors (65 plus)/\$10 students may be purchased at Box Office 935-9232 or online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac. Group discounts available.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17

Fri. 6:45 p.m./Sat. 10:45 a.m. - **Christmas Cantata - The Great Christmas Give Away** by Forestdale Christian School performance at Woodstock SDA Church, Bryant Pond.

Saturday, Dec. 17

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** dances at South Paris Legion Hall. No dance Dec. 24. Adults, \$5.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18

Second Annual Winterfest Weekend at Sunday River Ski Resort. Fireworks, fire dancers, live music, Santa Claus, Zipline Tours. FMI: 543-2754 or visit www.sundayriver.com.

9 a.m. - **Breakfast with Santa,** Oxford Pizza Hut. Adults \$6, 12 and under \$4. Reservations required. Proceeds benefit Maine Heart Gallery, overseen by Second Best Ministries of Oxford. FMI/reservations: Karen DuBois 539-4217.

Sunday, Dec. 18

2 p.m. **"The Love of God"** by West Paris Community Choir at West Paris Baptist Church, Church Street. FMI: 778-9696.

4 to 5 p.m. - **Bethel Food Pantry Christmas Baskets** will be given to clients and other needy members of the greater Bethel community. Food Pantry is located in basement of Nazarene Church, Church Street. Entrance on Park Street if loop around one-way block. No appointment needed.

4 p.m. - **Waterford Library community gathering** on Waterford Common with candle-lit caroling. Refreshments follow at library and season music performed by Backroom Brass. Children may visit with Santa and receive a book gift. Everyone invited.

4 p.m. - **Christmas Cantata "Sing and Shout for Joy"** at Locke Mills Union Church performed by choir of community churches, directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments follow.

5 p.m. - **The Living Nativity** on Bethel Common. Christmas cookie decorating and hot chocolate for children after at Nazarene Church, Church Street.

Monday, Dec. 19

10 a.m. - **Free Workshops, Essentials of College Planning,** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI/ Register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

7 p.m. - **14th annual Winter Concert** in Helen Berry Auditorium, Telstar Regional High School. Performances by High School Chorus and Concert Band, Middle School Chorus and Band, solo performance by Emily Bellingier (recently accepted into Maine All State Vocal Festival). Free admission, but donations always appreciated.

7 p.m. - **Art Moves Dance Studio** presents PEACE PEACE PEACE at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Tickets: \$7 at door; in advance \$5 at Books 'n Things, Norway

Wednesday, Dec. 21

7 to 9 p.m. - **Alzheimer's Support Group** meeting, Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane, Rumford. FMI: Mary Hagan 364-7863.

Sunday, Dec. 25

2 p.m. - **Christmas Day Community Dinner,** Woodstock SDA Church, Bryant Pond. FMI/reservation: 665-2074.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Family Entertainment** presents Brent McCoy - Comedy that WORKS! At Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. FMI: (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge), Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Thursday, Dec. 29

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Family Entertainment** presents Master Stage Hypnotist Ian Stewart at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. FMI: (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com.

Saturday, Dec. 31

8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - **New Year's Eve Dance and Buffet** by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall. \$15 single/\$30 couple. FMI/Reservation: Betty 743-7965.

Jan. 1 and 29, March 25

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Monday, Jan. 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library. Topic: "Income Inequality: How Does This Affect Us As A Society?" Connie Allen moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 3 and 4

6:30 to 9 p.m. - **Auditions for "Damn Yankees"** at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Music room. Call-backs Thursday, Jan. 5, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Come prepared to sing a song from the show or bring music or prepared accompaniment for the musical audition or your own prepared dance piece. Updates and notifications available on Facebook under OHSCBS - Oxford Hills School Community Broadway Show.

Thursday, Jan. 5

7 p.m. - **Golden Gates Russian Music and Dance Company,** second in Gould Academy Performing Arts Series, presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, Church Street. Tickets available at door or call 824-3575. Same program presented Jan. 4 at Telstar Middle/High School, district home school/private school students. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org

Wednesday, Jan. 11

5:30 p.m. - **Mollycoddett Chapter of Trout Unlimited** member/guest meeting, First Congregational Church, Market Square, South Paris. Meeting starts with fly typing instructional session (tools furnished or bring your own). At 7 p.m. guest speaker Rod McGarry presents "Fly Fishing: Tough and Tactical or Easy and Innovative." FMI: Dick Walthers (743-2193).

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WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

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Unit No. 161/163 Time Share Unit Quarter IV in Building II of Phase II in the Summit at Sunday River, A Condominium, located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Sunday River Skiway Corporation pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated December 14, 1992, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Eastern District, in Book 1965, Page 187 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is hereby termed "Declaration" and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the floor plans of the building identified above recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry of Deeds. Reference is also made to survey plan, by Dana C. Douglass, Jr., R.S., likewise recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Bryant T. King and Leslie A. King by Warranty Deed of Gail M. Eldridge Carter dated November 30, 2006, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4058, Page 258, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at its place of business in Newry, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Association.




DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 10th day of December, 2011

THE SUMMIT CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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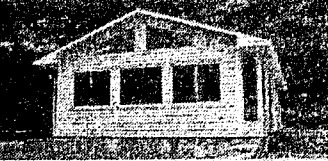
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2011, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *The Summit Condominium Owners Association v. Kathryn Morris Early*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-11-15, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Kathryn Morris Early to The Summit Condominium Owners Association, a copy of said Judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4778, Page 128, and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

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Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Kathryn Morris Early by Warranty Deed of Sunday River Skiway Corporation dated December 22, 1992, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 1973, Page 173, and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

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shop and saying: 'Where's the single-track mountain biking? Where's the Kingdom Trails? We're here in Bethel, and it should be here.'

"If you have a trail system like that, people will come," Southam said. "And Bethel has a tremendous infrastructure for tourism that is highly underused during the summer, during the mountain biking season."

And Sunday River by itself is not the answer to tapping this demand, he argued.

"People are already beginning to think of Bethel as a mountain-biking destination because of [Sunday River], but that's a different kind of riding. The piece that could go here is the piece that's missing there," he said, "terrain that you can ride up and down, that's more family friendly."

"We get that all the time,"

Southam said. "Folks go to the mountain, they come back to the bike shop and say: 'We can't ride there. Where else can we go?'"

He got no argument from Peter Fallon, Sunday River's director of guest services.

Fallon said Sunday River believes a nearby trail system could be a major asset both for the mountain and the broader local economy.

"We offer very specific biking opportunities," he said. "And we have a lot of guests who come to us in the summer, who are staying with us or staying in town, who want to bike, but we don't have the kind of biking for which they're qualified."

"So for us to have a renowned network of biking trails not just in the area, but literally adjacent to the skiway, to the bike park, would be a huge

benefit."

"One of the other things about the property that's intriguing to us is that it offers the opportunity for a connection with Bethel, whether you're walking, biking, or snowmobiling."

"The idea that somebody could start their day at Sunday River, take the chondola up to the top of North Peak, then hike into town and take the shuttle back is exciting."

"It's clearly an incredible opportunity," Fallon said.

Over the course of Monday's meeting, suggestions were also made for a variety of non-biking attractions, including trails for walking, hiking and snowmobiling, interpretive nature trails, horseback trails, handicapped-access trails, hunting, a "park within the park" area left to grow back to its wilderness

state, even "fairy houses" and iPhone apps for learning more about individual specimens along the nature trails.

But as the meeting began to wind down, Southam steered discussion back to the importance of tapping the mountain-biking market.

"I think everyone in this town would be amazed," he said, "at what it's going to do for your town."

"There's no better place you'd rather grab the money from," Southam said. "People on bikes are so nice, and they're loaded."

A second BCC public hearing on the Bingham land has been scheduled for Jan. 10, Cressy said, after which the commission, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen, will summarize the results and present them to the board.

GHD

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necessary "lighting" of the "last mile" (or, in this case, 400-foot) connection is generally left to retail ISPs.

And neither of the two major ISPs in this area, Oxford Networks and Time-Warner, is willing to light that connection for the highway barn.

Matt Jancovic, director of marketing and customer service for Oxford Networks, said his company had no plans to make use of any of the Three Ring Binder line itself.

"From our perspective, it's

not going to change anything as far as the services Oxford Networks offers," he said.

"We're not going to be utilizing that fiber. It's possible that if we ever needed to fall back to it - if there were damage some place or something like that - we certainly have that ability."

"But in general, as we look at that build there's nothing that we're going to utilize there."

But that does not necessarily leave the GHD completely in the dark.

Jeff McCarthy is vice president of business development for Maine Fiber Company.

In a letter to Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks, McCarthy said: "one option is for the Town of Greenwood to extend the existing internet access from the Town of Greenwood Fire Station to the Highway Department, using our federally subsidized fiber optic cable and 'optronics' equipment in each building. The Town of Scarborough recently implemented a similar private fiber network

design.

"This approach will require us to extend fiber into the Fire Station," McCarthy wrote, "but we are right at the edge of that property already."

McCarthy estimated the one-time cost of setting up such a system at \$3,900.

The town's monthly fee for leasing the line would be \$80.

Sparks said she expects the Board of Selectmen to take up that option at their next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m., in the town office.

Weddings



Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Goldsmith

Kelsey Elizabeth Jewell and Garrett Price Goldsmith were married on Sept. 24, 2011 in a timber frame barn at Stone Mountain Arts Center in Brownfield. Timothy Wilson, notary public, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lorie Olson and Robert Jewell, II, both of Paris. Grandparents are Shirley and Pat O'Brien of Rumford and New Port Richey, Fla., and Georgette Jewell of Paris.

The groom is the son of Stephen and Martha Goldsmith of Lovell. Grandfather is Robert "Red" York of Brownfield.

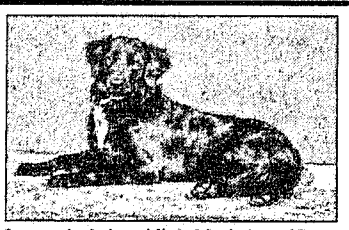
Charlee Jewell was the maid of honor for her sister. Nathan York was the best man for his brother. Attendants included: Kristin York, Rob Jewell, Christopher Bowden, Emily Delamater, Matthew Delamater, Nichole Foley, Steven Todisco, and Matthew White. Emily Mickool served as flower girl, Jack York as ring bearer, and Jonathan Mickool as usher. The mother of the bride and the mother of the groom, together, participated in the ceremony. A reading was shared by Kathryn Mickool, Jennifer Mickool, Sarah Mickool, and Hannah Mickool.

Following the ceremony, the couple and their families of fered guests a farmhouse dinner in the same timber frame barn.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School; she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Maine and a master's degree from The University of Vermont. She is employed by the United States Senate.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Fryeburg Academy and holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Joseph's College of Maine. He is employed as an elementary school teacher.

The couple resides in Portland.



Laney McLain

Laney, the beloved little black dog of Steve and Lise McLain, died unexpectedly on December 9 at the age of 12. Laney was found abandoned by the Animal Control Officer on the North Road in Gilead when she was about a year old, and he took her to the Rumford Animal Shelter. Several weeks later our son Bradley and Adrienne Vail then went to the Rumford Animal Shelter and presented her to Steve and the family as a Father's day gift in the year 2000. Steve would take Laney with him on many occasions such as the Selectmen's meeting, the Gilead Historical Society meeting, ride to the grocery store, ride to the transfer station in Gilead and receive treats, visit Steve's sister Lin and husband Hugh on Saturdays, etc. Laney loved to ride in his pickup and was a friendly dog to all who greeted her as she was loved by many. She was our little princess, and became a substitute grandchild to us since our four grandchildren live in the country of Norway. Laney became known as the sweet, friendly little black dog. Laney loved to go outdoors and roll around in the grass and leaves plus she and her sister dog Demeter would chase each other on the lawn and act playful towards each other. Since she was a member of our family, Laney would sleep on our bed and on the sofa plus several favorite spots in the house. Laney loved to be kissed by Lise and would approach her often for more kisses. In addition to her grandparents, she leaves behind dog sisters Isis and Demeter, and dog brother Dakotah, and she is sadly missed. We want to thank the Norway Veterinarian Hospital and the Maine Veterinary Referral Center in Scarborough for their kind "hand holding" during our crisis.

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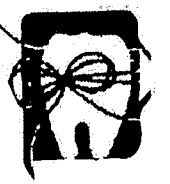
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